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MARINE EXPORT TO EU
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Union (EU) have a good and growing market for Indian marine products;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last 3 years;

(c) whether the Government intend to intensify export of Indian marine products to EU during the current year;

(d) if so, the details of targets fixed; and

(e) whether Government propose to offer incentives to the exporters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per export figures provided by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), the exports of marine products to the European Union during the last 3 years were as follows:

Year	Value (In Million US $)	
2001-02	241.01	
2002-03	287.84	
2003-04	300.25	(Provisional)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Country-wise targets for export of marine products are not fixed. However, an overall target of US $ 1300 million has been fixed for export of marine products from India during 2004-05.

(e) In order to increase the exports of marine products, Government have been taking several steps, which include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value-added products for export; marketing support etc.